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SUBJ: IBRD AND IDA TERMED CREATURES OF US IMPERIALISM

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SUMMARY: IN YET ANOTHER ATTACK ON US IMPERIALISM, JUNE 22  
LOCAL PRESS BREAKS NEW GROUND BY ATTEMPTING TO DEMONSTRATE  
AT LENGTH THAT INTERNATIONAL BANK FOR RECONSTRUCTION AND  
DEVELOPMENT (IBRD) AND INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION  
(IDA) ARE LIKEWISE AGENTS OF IMPERIALISM AGAINST AFRICAN  
COUNTRIES, IN WHICH US PLAY DOMINANT ROLE. END SUMMARY.

1. ETHIOPIAN HERALD ARTICLE BY "A STUDY GROUP" CLAIMS THAT,  
WHILE PROFESSED IBRD AIM IS TO PROMOTE DEVELOPMENT OF PRO-  
DUCTION IN LDC'S, BANK'S REAL PURPOSES ARE TO ENSURE MARKETS  
AND RAW MATERIALS SUPPLIES FOR US MONOPOLIES, TO WEAKEN  
NATIONAL LIBERATION MOVEMENTS, AND TO PRESERVE AFRICA AS  
RAW MATERIALS APPENDAGE TO CAPITALISM. BANK ALSO ALLEGEDLY  
STRIVES TO PREVENT AFRICAN COOPERATION WITH USSR AND OTHER  
SOCIALIST COUNTRIES.

2. ARTICLE GOES ON TO CRITICIZE PROCEDURES FOR OBTAINING  
IBRD LOANS, INCLUDING TERMS AND INTEREST RATES WHICH LEAD  
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TO GROWTH OF AFRICAN COUNTRIES' ALREADY LARGE DEBT,  
INTERFERENCE IN DOMESTIC AFFAIRS THROUGH "INVESTIGATIONS"  
BY SPECIAL BANK COMMISSIONS, RECOMMENDATIONS ON ECONOMIC  
AND SOCIAL POLICIES AS CONDITION FOR LOAN, AND FINANCING  
PROJECTS WITH ESSENTIALLY INFRASTRUCTURAL CHARACTER IN  
ORDER TO CREATE FAVORABLE CONDITIONS FOR PENETRATION OF  
AFRICAN ECONOMIES BY FOREIGN MONOPOLIES. ARTICLE SUMS UP

IBRD POLICY AS NEOCOLONIALIST ONE OF GRANTING ASSISTANCE  
TO THOSE WHO UNCONDITIONALLY SUPPORT USA.

3. TURNING TO IDA, ARTICLE CLAIMS THAT MORE FAVORABLE  
IDA LOAN TERMS ARE NEGATED BY STIPULATION THAT CURRENCY TO  
BE SPENT BY LOAN RECIPIENTS ONLY IN LIMITED GROUP OF HIGHLY  
DEVELOPED CAPITALIST COUNTRIES, THEREBY PRECLUDING FREEDOM  
OF CHOICE AMONG SUPPLIERS. US AIM IN USING BOTH ORGANIZATIONS,  
ARTICLE CONCLUDES, IS NEOCOLONIALIST ENSLAVEMENT OF AFRICAN  
COUNTRIES.

4. LOCAL IBRD REP DISCUSSED ARTICLE WITH MININFO PERMSEC  
JUNE 21. PERMSEC EXPRESSED HIS REGRETS, BUT STATED THAT HE  
HAD NO CONTROL OVER EDITOR OF ETHIOPIAN HERALD. HE PROMISED,  
NEVERTHELESS, RAISE MATTER WITH EDITOR AND ATTEMPT TO CON-  
VINCE HIM TO PUBLIS "CLARIFICATION" OF WORLD BANK POLICY  
TOWARD, AND ROLE IN, DEVELOPING COUNTRIES.

5. COMMENT: AS REPORTED REFTELS, CERTAIN EPMG OFFICIALS  
BECOMING INCREASINGLY CONCERNED OVER WORLD BANK TREATMENT  
OF ETHIOPIA. EMBASSY DOES NOT BELIEVE, HOWEVER, HERALD  
ARTICLE DIRECTLY RELATED TO THIS CONCERN. ARTICLE  
IS MORE LIKELY TO BE EFFORT OF RADICALS WITH NO DIRECT  
GOVERNMENT LINK. ARTICLE VERY POORLY DRAFTED FROM TECHNICAL  
STANDPOINT, AND IF EPMG WISHED TO ATTACK IBRD, IT HAS  
PERSONNEL AVAILABLE WHO COULD HAVE DONE MUCH MORE PROFESSIONAL  
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JOB. MOREOVER, PERMSEC MINISTRY OF FINANCE ASFAW DAMTE  
WILL ARRIVE IN WASHINGTON IN NEXT DAY OR TWO FOR DISCUSSIONS  
WITH WORLD BANK OFFICIALS. IT SEEMS UNLIKELY TO US THAT  
EPMG WOULD ATTACK WORLD BANK JUST BEFORE THESE DISCUSSIONS  
BEGIN.  
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